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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/663,551
Filing Date	September 18, 2000
Examiner Name	W. Sajous
First Named Inventor	Thompson, Mark R.
Group Art Unit	2672
Attorney Docket Number	019396-001400US

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a. Previously submitted

- Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)
- Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- Other _____

b. Enclosed

- Amendment/Reply
- Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- Other _____

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2. **Miscellaneous**

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)

b. Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 20-1430

- RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- Other _____

b. Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed

c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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Signature	<i>William F. Vobach</i>	Date	February 21, 2003

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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2003

Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ 1680)

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Deposit Account Name Townsend and Townsend and Crew LLP

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)		
1001 750	2001 375	Utility filing fee	
1002 330	2002 165	Design filing fee	
1003 520	2003 260	Plant filing fee	
1004 750	2004 375	Reissue filing fee	
1005 160	2005 80	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	-**	Extra Claims		Fees from below	Fee Paid
			X		
Independent Claims			X		
Multiple Dependent			X		

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)		
1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20	
1201 84	2201 42	Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203 280	2203 140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
1204 84	2204 42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)

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		1051	130	2051 65 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
		1052	50	2052 25 Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
		1053	130	1053 130 Non-English specification	
		1812	2,520	1812 2,520 For filing a request for reexamination	
		1804	920*	1804 920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
		1805	1,840*	1805 1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
		1251	110	2251 55 Extension for reply within first month	
		1252	410	2252 205 Extension for reply within second month	
		1253	930	2253 465 Extension for reply within third month	930
		1254	1,450	2254 725 Extension for reply within fourth month	
		1255	1,970	2255 985 Extension for reply within fifth month	
		1401	320	2401 160 Notice of Appeal	
		1402	320	2402 160 Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
		1403	280	2403 140 Request for oral hearing	
		1451	1,510	1451 1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
		1452	110	2452 55 Petition to revive - unavoidable	
		1453	1,300	2453 650 Petition to revive - unintentional	
		1501	1,300	2501 650 Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
		1502	470	2502 235 Design issue fee	
		1503	630	2503 315 Plant issue fee	
		1460	130	1460 130 Petitions to the Commissioner	
		1807	50	1807 50 Petitions related to provisional applications	
		1806	180	1806 180 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
		8021	40	8021 40 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
		1809	750	2809 375 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
		1810	750	2810 375 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
		1801	750	2801 375 Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	750
		1802	900	1802 900 Request for expedited examination of a design application	
				Other fee (specify) _____	
					(\$1680)

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SUBTOTAL (3)

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